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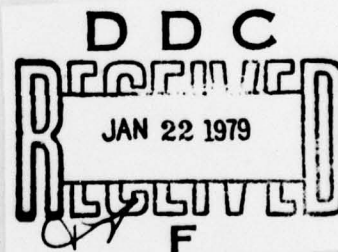
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The "Wiktor III" station for non-professionals sounds very mysteriously. However, we will find out immediately that under this name a complicated radiolocation equipment of the 3rd generation is hidden. The operators belong to the squad of Janusz Jaworek, who is a senior private in the rank. The task which is being carried out scrupulously and precisely at any time of day or night is very important and responsible. They continuously watch on special monitors the air situation over the country's territory. Their job, which at first sight seems to be easy and simple, requires in reality perfect familiarization with the military equipment, good training and reliability. Not a single object in the air must slip away from the operators' attention who work on "Wiktor III".

The operators are immersed in concentration and quietness. They almost use gestures for communication between themselves. This was taught to them by captain Stanislaw Stachow - the commander, and by ensign Jerzy Presser - the equipment technician. Both of them are high class specialists who can not only operate and maintain the equipment, but also can repair any damage and prevent any disrepair on time. They are proud of their achievements in this field.

Senior private Janusz Jaworek's squad belongs to the best one. What is the reason for this success? Maybe because corporal Andrzej Smoliński, who is an operator of this squad, has fallen in love with Electronics since being a teenager? Or maybe because of Stefan Sroka (a senior private) or simply called "the subunit golden hand" who can handle not only all complications connected with the equipment?

There are certain people who "hold responsible" corporal Józef Sroka (the former squad commander) for that. At present he is in reserve.

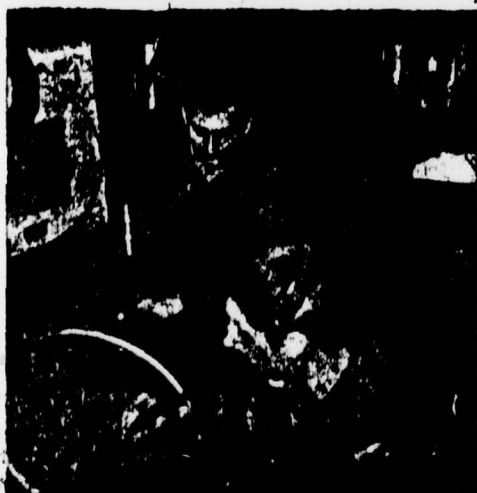
He had "Wzorowy Dowódca" bronze award as well as "Wzorowy Żołnierz" gold award and in the course of his military service he received all possible awards which can be received by the non-professional soldier.

Other operators have as good success as Józef Sroka's. Senior private Tadeusz Sienkiewicz emerged as a winner of the "What do you know about Polish People's Army?" contest. All soldiers belonging to this squad are honorable blood donors. All of them participated in social events.

It is difficult not to speak about this model squad, about the soldiers, who fulfill their difficult task of their country air defense on the daily basis with deep knowledge of the things and deeply seated feeling of responsibility. They are colleagues; they are mature and disciplined. The above-mentioned gives a chance to assume that they will receive the "Best Squad" title.

PHOTOS

1. The operator squad whose commander is senior private Janusz Jaworka rushed on the alarm signal in a complete body.
2. During the working hours operators must prove the maximum concentration and attention.
3. The equipment commander, captain Stanisław Stachów, watches that the situation was correctly marked on the electronic plotting board according to the requirements.
4. Senior private Tadeusz Sienkiewicz perfectly well mastered the transmitter scheme.
5. Senior privates Arkadiusz Krowicki and Stefan Sroka are watching the indicatory device giving a general information of the air situation
6. Ensigns Jerzy Presser (the equipment technician) and senior private Eugeniusz Paszek (electrician) can easily handle any equipment damage





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